

EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE LEADING JOURNALS UPON CURRENT TOPICS—COMPILED EVERY DAY FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.

THE PEOPLE AND THE TAXES.

For any attempt to relief, in the shape of reduced taxation, we are disposed to be duly grateful. So far as the session of Congress has yet gone, the odds have seemed nearly all against the people.

The events of the last few days have shown, however, that in the present instance an appreciation of benefits promised is not incompatible with a hopeful effort to make them larger. The Ways and Means Committee is not absolute master of the fiscal situation.

It only proposes, in determining a preference, to the extent of the forty-three millions reduction contemplated by the Senate committee is far below both the capacity of the Treasury and the expectation of the country.

It is safe to say that a margin of at least sixty millions is available for revenue reduction, without impairing the ability of the Government to comply with the requirements of law in regard to the sinking fund.

Evenly, then, the scheme of the Ways and Means Committee but half performs the work that is wanted. We are entitled to sixty millions reduction, and we are promised thirty-three.

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The Senate bill contemplates the continuance of the five per cent. rate only during the present year—the rate to be afterwards reduced to three per cent. and the exemption to be as now.

ortrade, and three per cent. levied upon incomes above a fixed amount—say, less than six dollars—would most certainly be the Government, and at least approximate justice.

THE SOUTHERN STAPLE.

From the time when so good a farmer as George Washington had a hundred cows in his yards, and yet bought butter for his table, the South has been a standing illustration of a system that seems to bring wealth but in fact leads to penury.

All this subtle mischief a great crop of cotton works in the world, while the curse of a one-sided and exhausting tillage rests upon the cotton fields.

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We are aware that the South has suffered from the struggle and starvation of a long war. We admit that the proclamation and the surrender destroyed a vast amount which, by the Constitution, as it then read, was property. Far be it from us who justly prize the tariff, the enterprise, the invention, and the progress of the Northern character, to draw invidious distinctions or fan a sectional pride.

FREE LOVE IN THE SOROSIS.

The club of women known as the Sorosis had the McFarland case up for consideration, as might have been expected, at their meeting last Monday evening.

tion to be "an innocent and deeply injured woman, whose greatest fault was an error of judgment in remaining so long with a man who had forfeited every claim to her respect, and outraged every instinct of her womanly nature."

Now, we have no wish to find fault either with the judgment or the taste of the women of the Sorosis. We must protest, however, against the illogical reason which they give for their enjoinments of the guilty pair.

A subsequent resolution of the Sorosis, passed at this same meeting, declares the marriage to be "a holy and God-ordained institution, based upon the equal interests, equal affections, and equal rights of the contracting parties."

A BAD START.

Some days since a radical State convention was held in Raleigh, North Carolina, ostensibly to nominate a candidate for Attorney-General, but really to elect a member to the Grant.

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er of his State. Now we see him preparing for a new departure, silencing Grant's friends in a State convention; and dignifying by silence that Grant is too heavy a load for a prudent politician to carry.

RATHER ROUGH ON THE THEATRES.

Mr. Schenck, in his ambition to reduce the internal tax upon the millions—a mere drop in the bucket, by the way—seems inclined to accomplish that purpose on the principle of "robbing Peter to pay Paul."

INSANITY AND MURDER.

We have heretofore noticed that Governor Alcorn, of Mississippi, has sent a special message to the State Legislature in regard to the plea of insanity in trials for murder, manslaughter, and assaults with intent to kill.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 3, 1870.

OFFICE CATAWISSA RAILROAD COMPANY.

The Board of Directors of the Catawissa Railroad Company have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT. on the Capital Stock of the Company, clear of National and State Taxes, payable in cash on and after May 30, 1870.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

IN accordance with the provisions of the existing acts of Assembly, that a meeting of the commissioners named in an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the PROTECTIVE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY," to be located in the city of Philadelphia, approved the 13th day of April, A. D. 1850, will be held at 1 o'clock P. M. on the 19th day of May, 1870, at the office of the Secretary, No. 125 Market Street, Philadelphia.

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NOTICE.

OFFICE OF CHIEF AND CHIEF CLERK. ANNAPOLES, Md., May 18, 1870.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE POWELL TRACT COAL COMPANY.

The Board of Directors of the Powell Tract Coal Company will be held in Philadelphia, at the office of the Secretary, No. 125 Market Street, on Saturday, the 21st day of May, 1870, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE CLARION RIVER AND SPRING CREEK OIL COMPANY.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Clarion River and Spring Creek Oil Company will be held at HORTICULTURAL HALL, BROAD STREET, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, the 24th inst., at 7 o'clock P. M.

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